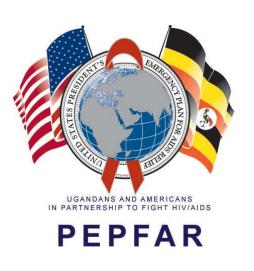
Advanced disease in AFRICOS

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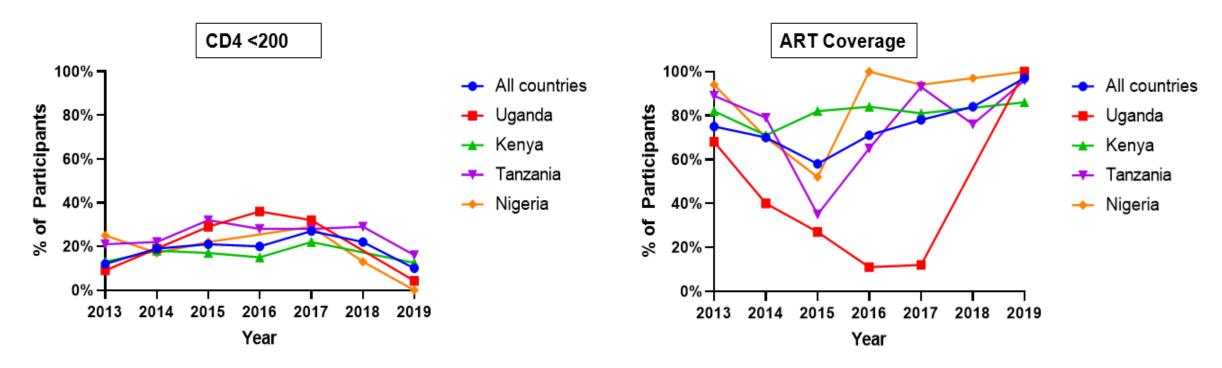
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Project Design, Methods and Implementation Status

- AFRICOS is a long term prospective observational cohort study at 12 sites East Africa and Nigeria
- Broad primary objective:
 - Longitudinally assess the impact of clinical practices, biological factors and sociobehavioral issues on HIV infection and disease progression in an African context
- Enrolling adult and adolescent (15-17 yrs) volunteers in MHRP-PEPFAR care & treatment with goal of:
 - 3,500 people living with HIV (PLWH)
 - 700 people without HIV
- As of September 1, 2020, 2,948 PLWH were enrolled in AFRICOS
- We present advanced disease and factors associated with it 2nd Annual PEPFAR Uganda Science Summit January 2021

Results: Trends in Percentage of Participants with CD4 < 200 and ART coverage at Study Enrollment by Country and Year



- Of 2903 with CD4 results at enrollment, 567 (19.5%) had CD4 <200
- Despite consistent increases in ART coverage since 2016, the prevalence of AHD did not decline below levels observed in 2013 until 2019
- ART coverage increased from 74.7% (range 68.3–93.8%) in 2013 to 97.5% (range 86–100%) in 2019, p= <0.01



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Results: Factors associated with CD4 < 200 cells/mm³ at Enrollment

		Adjusted OR ¹	95% CI
Country	Uganda	-	
	Kenya	1.11	0.83-1.49
	Tanzania	1.48	1.06-2.07
	Nigeria	1.25	0.81–1.92
Sex	Male	1.33	1.08–1.62
	Female	_	_
Age	18-29	_	_
	30–39	1.50	1.11-2.02
	40–49	1.61	1.18-2.20
	50+	1.91	1.33-2.75
Education	None or some primary	_	_
	Primary or some secondary	1.57	1.23-2.02
	Secondary and above	1.48	1.10-1.99
WHO Stage	I	-	_
	II	2.17	1.65-2.84
	III	3.30	2.50-4.35
	IV	2.63	1.64-4.21

¹Variables included in the adjusted model were enrollment country, sex, age, education, WHO stage, time since HIV diagnosis, and duration on ART

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Results: Factors associated with CD4 < 200 cells/mm³ at Study Enrollment

		Adjusted OR ¹	95% CI
Time since HIV diagnosis	<1 year	-	-
	1–5 years	0.46	0.33-0.64
	>5 years	0.30	0.19-0.45
Duration on ART ²	ART naïve	_	_
	<6 months	0.77	0.58-1.02
	6 months-<2 years	0.60	0.42-0.85
	2-<4 years	0.40	0.25-0.65
	>=4 years	0.42	0.27-0.67

Summary

- Factors associated with a higher risk of CD4 <200 at enrollment were being enrolled in Tanzania,
 male sex, age >29 years, having more education, and having a higher WHO clinical stage
- Factors associated with a lower risk of CD4 <200 were >1 year since HIV diagnosis and being on ART for at least 6 months

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²Duration on ART was ascertained prior to CD4 measurement at enrollment. Participants enrolled were either ART naïve or already on ART

In Uganda

- Jan 2013-Dec 2020, there were 101 participants with a CD4 < 200 cells/mm³ at the enrollment visit; 74% remain enrolled in AFRICOS: 20 deaths, 6 LTFU
- 72/101(71.3%) participants had an AIDS-defining illness
 - 36 (50%) participants diagnosed with HIV-wasting
 - 29 (40%) participants diagnosed with TB
 - 13 (18%) diagnosed with Kaposi Sarcoma
 - 6(8%) diagnosed with non-PCP Pneumonia
 - 1 (1.4%) each with PCP and Candidiasis of esophagus
- Since January 1, 2019, 17 (4%) participants from Uganda had at least one visit with a CD4<200 cells/mm³
 - 14 participants had an AIDS-defining illness: 10 participants with HIV-wasting, 4 participants diagnosed with TB, 2 participants diagnosed with Kaposi Sarcoma



Implications for Epidemic Control Efforts

- Build HCW capacity in screening, identification & management of AHD. i.e Cryptococcal meningitis, TB and KS.
- Support prompt/early HIV diagnosis.
- Increase funding or provision of laboratory commodities for identification and management of AHD.
- Build laboratory workers capacity to diagnose AHD.
- Support & strengthen M& E systems to be able to monitor the magnitude of AHD at facility, district & National level.

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